ENGLISH TECHNICAL TERMS FOR DA‘WAH

Useful Vocabulary for Da'wah

Words	***Definitions***	***Derivatives***
adultery	unlawful sex committed by married people with other than their spouses.	adulterer, adulteress
alcoholism	the habit of drinking alcohol.	alcoholic, alcohol
amputation	to cut off a part of the body.	amputate
apostasy	abandonment of religious beliefs.	apostate
ascribe	to explain as coming from a particular source or cause.	ascription
associate	to join in a relationship.	association
atheist	a person who does not believe in God.	atheism
believe	to accept as real or true.	belief, believer
chastity	staying away from illicit sex.	chaste
command	to order.	commandment
conform	to make similar in form or character.	conformity, conformist
convert	to adopt a new religion or belief.	conversion
convey	to make known; communicate.	conveying
Darwin	the man responsible for the theory of evolution.	Darwinism, Darwinist
deity	God, holy being supreme being.	deism
destiny	divine fate.	destined
devote	to give oneself completely.	devotion
disbelieve	to refuse to believe to believe in to reject or deny.	disbelief, disbeliever
divine	related to or being a deity.	divinity
diyah	blood money paid for the killing of another.	
essence	basic nature, its being.	essential
faith	belief and trust in God.	faithful
fornication	unlawful sex between unmarried people.	fornicate, fornicator
guidance	counseling, advising.	guide
homicide	a killing of one person by another.	homicidal
hudood	Divinely revealed boundaries and punishment prescribed by Allah.	
illegitimate	illegal, unlawful.	legitimate
inheritance	money or property left by a dead person given to relatives, friends, and charity...etc.	inherit, heirs
intercede	intervene, mediate, plead, to ask on ones behalf.	intercession
interest	usury; a charge for a loan.	
intolerance	unable to respect other beliefs or opinions.	intolerant
invalid	not valid, not correct	validity
mission	a task to be carried out.	missionary
monotheism	the belief and worship of one God.	monotheist

morality	the quality of being virtuous.	morals, moralist
obligation	a binding responsibility.	obligatory
oppose	to disagree with.	opposition
pedophile	an adult who buys sexual favors from children.	pedophilia
polytheism	associating partners in worship with God.	polytheist
principle	a fundamental truth.	principles
prohibit	to forbid or ban by law	prohibition
propagate	spread or broadcast.	propagation
purify	to make clean or pure.	purification
purpose	goal, intended or desired result.	purposeful
retaliate	to return like punishment.	retaliation
rebellious	stubbornly disobedient	rebellion
rectify	to make right or correct.	rectified
reincarnate	the act of rebirth in another body.	reincarnation
repentance	regret (a sin), seeking forgiveness.	repent
resurrect	returning from death to life.	resurrection
retribution	a suitable return.	retribute
sacrifice	Offering something to God.	sacrificial
sanctioned	allowed, legal.	sanctions
scriptures	Religions sacred books (i.e. Bible).	script
secular	worldly, not religious or spiritual.	secularist
slander	false statement said: or spread about a person damaging his reputation.	slanderous
slaughter	to kill an animal for food.	
spiritual	referring to the spirit or soul.	spirituality
supplicate	to make a humble appeal to God.	supplication
terrorism	systematic use of terror	terrorist
testimony	a formal declaration or affirmation.	testify
theory of evolution	development of more complex forms of life (plants, animals) from earlier and earlier forms.	evolved
treason	Betraying	
unique	being the only one of its kind.	uniqueness
veiling	complete outer covering from head to toe of a Muslim woman.	veil
vice	Immoral habit.	vices
virtue	moral righteousness.	virtuous
worship	to love or admire devotedly.	worshiper